



## **SOMERSET - UNION SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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### **SOMERSET-UNION S.C.D. DISTRICT MEETING July 24, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kirby, Bob Amberg, Jim Laine, Ed Dec, Frank Calo

**ABSENT:** Matt Loper

#### **CALL to ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE**

#### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

The meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

#### **APPROVAL of MNUTES**

A motion was made by Bob Amberg to approve the June meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The report for June was reviewed by the Board. Ed Dec made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The District received a job posting from the NJ State Agriculture Development Committee for a regional farmland preservation acquisition coordinator.

The District received a notice from Frank Minch, Executive Secretary NJDOA, concerning the NACD Northeast Regional meeting on August 25-28 in Connecticut.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

DEP Stormwater Activity Permit (5G3) Coordination – Frank Calo reported that the District had received the official policy concerning the storm water permit program from SSCC/NJDOA. The policy guidelines for implementing the storm water discharge permit by the Districts was reviewed by the Board. The Board was also informed that the District had already procured the required inspection forms and was moving forward with implementing the policy as required.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2019 4-H Fair – Frank Calo informed the Board that the Somerset County 4-H fair will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>. The District, as in past years, will share an exhibit with NRCS. This year the District will slightly expand their portion of the presentation to include more District related information.

Eric C. Watson Memorial Enviro-Fair – The Board was informed that the District had been invited to this year's Eric C. Watson Memorial Enviro-Fair, which will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Park in Plainfield. The District will be manning the state's soil tunnel exhibit. This is a unique opportunity for the District to interact with Union County citizens and talk about who the Districts are and their role in protecting Union County's natural resources. The soil tunnel exhibit is also a great tool for educating grade school age children about the importance of soil and soil conservation.

FY 2019 Audit – The Board was informed that Frank Calo will be meeting with John Brewer of the firm of Vernoia, Enterline & Brewer, the Districts auditor, on August 27<sup>th</sup> to commence the Districts FY 2019 audit. As soon as the audit has been completed it will be presented to the Board for their review.

August District Meeting – Due to the time of year, as in the past, the Board decided to cancel the District Supervisor Meeting for August. A motion to cancel the meeting was made by Jim Laine. The Motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board. This decision was made on the condition that if any pertinent District business did arise which needed Board review or approval, and a quorum could be obtained, a meeting would be held in August.

Conservation Plans – Frank Calo presented to the Board, 2 conservation plans for tracts in Hillsborough and Montgomery Townships and 2 cost share applications for 2 tracts in Hillsborough Township. A motion was made by Bob Amberg to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The board entered into closed session at 8:07 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m. A motion was made by Ed Dec to approve the conservation plans and cost share applications as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Jim Laine recused himself from voting on the conservation plans and cost share applications in Hillsborough Township.

District Action on Chapter 251 – Jim Laine made a motion to approve the plans on the attached certified and completed list. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Ed Dec recused himself from voting on application 2019-3764 of the certified list and application 2019-3504 on the completed list.

**REPORTS:**

SCD – Frank Calo reported on his chapter 251 activities.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 7:30 pm at the District office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Calo  
District Manager

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